

LUKE 4; August 21; Jesus Is Tempted by the Devil

ANALYSIS:

1. In what order did Luke record Jesus three temptations? Number them in Luke's order: ___ worship the devil, ___ leap off the temple, ___ turn stones to bread.
2. From which O. T. book did Jesus read in the synagogue at Nazareth?

3. What people did the O. T. prophets Elijah and Elisha serve; and how did the Jews in the synagogue receive being reminded of these things by Jesus? _____
4. Who did the devil possessed man say Jesus was? _____
5. What healing did Jesus do for Simon's wife's mother? _____

THINGS TO THINK ABOUT:

The devil is no joke. Let us beware of Satan's destructive power and goals. These may be seen by what he has done to others. He deceived Eve (I Tim 2:14). He energized David to sin (I Ch 21:1). He afflicted Job physically (Job 1:7--2:10). He instigates false doctrine (I Tim 4:1-3). He caused Judas to betray Christ (John 13:2, 27). He prompted Ananias to lie in church (Acts 5:3). He is a liar and the father of lies (John 8:44). He sows tares among God's people (Mt 13:38-39). He hinders God's servants as allowed by the Lord (I Th 2:18). "Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil" (Eph 6:10-11).

The promised remedy to the wiles of the devil is the whole armour of God and praying always in the Spirit (Eph 6:13-18). So the questions we must face are these: Do you and I have the armour on? Are we really faithful in praying in the Spirit?

HELP:

1. In Luke the order is: turn stones to bread, worship the devil, leap off the temple (vs 3-12).
2. Isaiah 61:1-2a (v 17).
3. A widow of Sidon and Naaman the Syrian; the Jews in the synagogue were filled with wrath and tried to kill Jesus (vs 25-29).
4. The Holy One of God (v 34).
5. Her great fever left her, she arose and ministered to them (vs 33-34).